



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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## **H.R. 756** **National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
on March 4, 2009*

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 756 would amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate research programs related to pain, and require the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to convene a conference on pain and conduct a public awareness campaign on pain management. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 756 would cost \$3 million in 2010 and \$33 million over the 2010-2014 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting H.R. 756 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 756 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 756 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2010- 2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Estimated Authorization Level	9	11	10	6	6	41
Estimated Outlays	3	7	8	8	7	33

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

H.R. 756 would require the Secretary of HHS to convene a conference on pain, coordinate research programs related to pain, and conduct a public awareness campaign on pain management. For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 756 would be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2009, that the necessary amounts will be appropriated each year, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for similar activities.

H.R. 756 would authorize the appropriation of \$37 million over the 2010-2014 period for most of the activities called for in the bill. CBO estimates that an additional \$5 million in appropriations would be necessary to establish a new interagency committee to coordinate pain research. Assuming the appropriation of the specified and estimated sums, implementing H.R. 756 would cost about \$33 million over the 2010-2014 period.

### **Pain Care Education and Training**

H.R. 756 would authorize the Secretary of HHS to make awards of grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts to health professions schools, hospices, and other public entities for the development and implementation of education and training programs. The programs would target health professionals in pain care. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million per year for those programs. Assuming the appropriation of specified amounts, CBO estimates that provision would cost about \$19 million over the 2010-2014 period.

### **Public Awareness Campaign on Pain Management**

H.R. 756 would direct the Secretary of HHS to conduct a nationwide campaign to increase public awareness of issues related to pain treatment and management. The bill would authorize the Secretary to award grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts to public agencies and private nonprofit organizations to assist with the development and implementation of the public awareness campaign.

H.R. 756 would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million for 2010 and \$4 million a year for 2011 and 2012 for those activities. Assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing those provisions would cost \$10 million over the 2010-2014 period.

## **Pain Research**

The bill would amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an interagency committee to coordinate pain research across federal agencies. CBO estimates that implementing this provision would cost about \$4 million over the 2010-2014 period.

## **Institute of Medicine Conference on Pain**

H.R. 756 would require the Secretary of HHS to collaborate with the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (on other appropriate entity) to convene a conference on pain. This bill would require the Secretary to complete a report summarizing the conference findings and recommendations to be submitted to the Congress not later than June 30, 2011. H.R. 756 would authorize the appropriation of \$0.5 million a year for 2010 and 2011 for those purposes. Assuming the appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that provision would cost \$1 million over the 2010-2014 period.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 756 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Public institutions of higher education that provide education and training for health professionals in pain care would benefit from grant funds authorized in the bill.

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